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Per your request-here is a copy of the Notice of Allowance dated 1-29-02 for S/N 09/635109.

Thanks Wynette

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TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL FIBER AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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 (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/635,109	AIKAWA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Mike Stahl	2874

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed January 9, 2002.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9, 11 and 13-16.
 3. The drawings filed on 09 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
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7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 3 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 5 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.
- 7 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

- 2 Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 4 Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.
- 6 Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9 Other

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1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed January 9, 2002. The changes to the claims have been entered. All objections and rejections made in the previous Office action are withdrawn in view of the amendment. Claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 13-16 are pending. Applicant should note that the range for r_1 in amended claim 14 has been corrected by changing "2 to 3 mm" to "2 to 3 μm " since it is clear that the appropriate unit is μm .

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 13-16 are allowed. Original claims 8-10, 12 and 14 were identified in the previous Office action as containing allowable subject matter but were objected to for depending from rejected base claims. Amended claim 1 now includes the subject matter of original claim 8; amended claim 11 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 12; and amended claim 14 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 13. Accordingly all claims remaining in this application are allowable.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mike Stahl at (703) 305-1520. Inquiries of a general or clerical nature (e.g., a request for a missing form or paper, etc.) should be directed to the Technology Center 2800 receptionist at (703) 308-0956 or to the technical support staff supervisor at (703) 308-3072.

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January 23, 2002

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